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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 18th/April, through Sunday, 25th/April there were 217 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH4, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T30, T32, T5, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND. NODXA member Robert, **3B9FR**, was heard this past Sunday morning on 10 meter FM. He was heard on 29600 kHz between 1200-1400z working Europe.

3W9, VIETNAM. Jurgen, **3W9HRN**, was active this past Sunday on 15 meters CW/SSB. Watch between 21015-21020 and 21223 kHz starting around 1400z (also report at 0145z). QSL via DL1HRN. Also, look for Eddy, **XV1X**, who was active this past weekend on 40/20/17 meters CW between 1400-1800z. QSL via instructions on his Web page at:
<http://www.xv9dt.com>

7Q, MALAWI (Update). The UK Malawi DXpedition continues to be active as **7Q7MM** until May 1st. According to their Web page, pile-ups are awesome, and they have uploaded some

10400 QSOs on Friday to their Web page. Their main supply of power is unstable, so please forgive them if they disappear on the air. The team was participating in the SP-DX Contest this past weekend. For more details, please refer to OPDX.650 and OPDX.655, or visit the UK Malawi DXpedition Web page at: <http://www.malawi.digital-crocus.com> QSL via G3LQP direct (Roger Brown, 262 Fir Tree Road, Epsom KT17 3NL, England) or via the bureau.

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Operators Roger/G3SXW, David/K1ZZ, Robert/K3EST, Atilano/PY5EG, Tine/S50A, Robert/S53R, Charles/W6OAT, Bruce/W6OSP and possibly others will be active as **A61AJ** in the **CQ WPX CW Contest (May 29-30th)** as a Multi-Multi entry. IMPORTANT: QSL to K2UO (U.S. Stations) and DJ2MX (non-U.S.).

ALL-AUSTRIAN-CONTEST (AOEC). Tom, DL8AAM, informs OPDX that once again the Austrian Telecommunications Authority gave a special permit for non-amateur radio stations from the public service (military, police, customs, red cross, NGO, State Department etc.) to take part in the "domestic" **All-Austrian-Contest (AOEC)** on **May 1st** (held each year on May 1st) at 0500-0800 and 1400-1700 UTC. This interservice-part of this contest is to train operators from all radio services to interact in case of an emergency situation and to understand the shortwave conDX. The interservice part takes place on 80 and 30 meters, as both bands are allocated to the fixed service. Also, simplex QSOs are possible, not like the crossband operations of the Armed Forces Radio Day of the U.S. (May 8-9th). The official rules of this contest can be found on the Web page of the National Austrian HAM Society, the OeVSV, at: <http://www.oevsv.at> (under Contest)

Callsigns / Prefixes are:

OEC - State Department
OEY - Military (e.g. OEY632)
OEH - Red Cross, etc. (e.g. OEH6101)
OEP - Police (e.g. OEP213)
OEN - Customs (e.g. OEN6000)

For some examples of QSLs (received via the OE bureau) and more informations about this annual event, please check the Web page at: <http://people.freenet.de/troesne/index.html> (->Amateur Radio -> Interservice) PLEASE NOTE! (per Tom, DL8AAM)

1. As this an emergency communication exercise; the operations on SSB on 30m are OK with the IARU rules!! Please do not QRM them as in the last years. Tom states that it seems that many operators do not know the IARU-rules or do not understand what happens when they listen to a SSB-Contest on 30m!
2. This is a domestic contest, which means all no-OE operators can only act as SWLs, but even then a good chance to log and QSL some really interesting callsigns. Also, this contest may be an idea for other countries to organize such an event??

AP, PAKISTAN. Bob, **AP2JZB**, was heard this past weekend on 12 and 17 meters SSB. Watch 24955 kHz after 0930z and around 18110 kHz after 1445z. QSL via direct.

CASTLE NEWS.....

- On **May 16th**, between 0600-1600z, look for many stations to operate from Fortresses and Castles in France, Belgium, Italy, Spain and Portugal, and participate in "**The**

European Castles Day". For more details on information about castles awards programs, please visit the F6FNA's Web page at: <http://perso.club-internet.fr/f6fna/>

- Next Saturday, May 1st, Francois/F5JNE and Maurice/F5IYU will be active as **F5JNE/P** from the **Castle of Pancy Courtecon**, near the town of Chamouille. References are: Castle DFCF 02022; Canton Laon - 0212; Department - Aisne, 02; and Province - Picardie. Activity will be on 40 meters CW starting around 0630z. QSL via the Bureau.

EP, IRAN. Three stations were heard this past week: **EP3PTT**, **EP4HR** and **EP4SP**. EP3PTT was mainly active on 15 meters CW starting a little after 0900z. QSL via OK1LO. Hamid, EP4HR, was active on 15 meters SSB starting 1530z. QSL via I2MQP. Yar, EP4SP, was active on 21236 kHz around 1530z and then on 20 meters CW starting around 0000z.

Euradio (European Union Radio Amateur Celebration). The following event is sponsored by the Irish Radio Transmitters Society (IRTS) on the weekend of May 1st and 2nd. The IRTS will celebrate the accession of ten new states to the European Union by sponsoring ten special event stations over the Accession weekend. Each station will be twinned with one of the accession countries. Look for the following special event stations:

Special Event Callsign	Country Being Represented	Special Event Callsign	Country Being Represented
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EI25CY	Cyprus	EI25OK	Czech Republic
EI25ES	Estonia	EI25OM	Slovakia
EI25HA	Hungary	EI25SL	Slovenia
EI25LY	Lithuania	EI25SP	Poland
EI25ML	Malta	EI25Y	Latvia

In addition an IRTS HQ station will be on the air using the callsign EI25EU. Details of the Award available for working these stations are available on the IRTS website at: <http://www.irts.ie> A special QSL card commemorating the event may be obtained via the bureau or direct from: IRTS, P.O.Box 462, Dublin 9.

EUROPE DAY 2004 AWARD. To celebrate "Europe Day" on **May 9th**, the Polish "MK QTC Magazine" and "PZK Zwiasek Krotkofalowcow" will issue the "Europe Day 2004 Award". Make 25 QSOs with stations from any territories of the European Union Member States on any HF or VHF+ bands between 0000 and 2359z on May 9, 2004. (Any combination of the number of QSOs and Member States will be accepted.) Send an extract from your log and 5 IRCs or 5 USD or 5 Euro to: Redakcja MK QTC, Suchacz-Zamek, Wielmozy 5b, 82-340 Tolkmicko, Poland. Deadline: 30th June 2004. The Award is also available to SWLs. Award dimensions: 297 x 210 mm. (additional info: qtc@post.pl). The European Union Member States: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, United Kingdom.

FH, MAYOTTE ISLAND. Andre, ZS6WPX, will be active as **FH/ZS6WPX** from **October 1-13th**. Activity will be on 160-10 meters as well as 6 meters. Operations will be on SSB, Digital and some CW. QSL direct only via ZS6WPX (Not to ZS QSL Bureau!).

FP, MIQUELON. Look for Paul/K9OT and Peg/KB9LIE to be active on Miquelon as **FP/homecall** from the evening of **July 2nd** until noon local **July 11th**. This is a 100w

operation, all bands 160-6 meters, from Room 5 at the ham-friendly Maxotel. They will have a 6m breakable beacon on 50.120 MHz. Emphasis will be on 6, 12 and 17 meters SSB for Peg and 160-30 meters CW for Paul. They plan on separate entries (one on CW, one on SSB) for the IARU HF Championship Contest. QSL via K9OT: direct with SASE, or bureau. No eQs! See their Web page at: <http://www.mhtc.net/~k9ot/>

(MORE) FRENCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES. More announcements of French activities and celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the Landing in Normandy on 6th of June 1944 is as follows:

- **TM6JUN** - The **Utah Beach Museum** will once again activate the station TM6JUN from **May 31th to June 13th**. QSL via F5RJM.
- **TM6JDD** - For the French Championship VHF, the TM6JUN crew will be active on V/U/SHF using TM6JDD, from **La Pernelle**, grid IN99IO, on **June 5th and 6th**. QSL via F8KFE.
- **TM6BMC** - Some French operators from the Calvados and Eure Departments will be active on the **5th and 6th of June** from Mont Canisy on the Benerville/Mer Hills. They will be located in the WWII German batteries. Using the callsign TM6BMC, activity will be on HF, VHF and UHF. QSL per instructions.
- **TM6OCH** - The Radio Club Nord Cotentin, F6KFW, will be active as TM6OCH from **June 19th to July 2nd**. The main activity is scheduled on **June 26th** for the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of Cherbourg by the US VIIth Corps. A special QSL card will be available via F6KFW.
- **TM6OVS** - (Update) To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the liberation by the partisans, look for activity by TM6OVS from the **Vassieu en Vercors Partisans Museum** on **June 6th**. QSL via Evelyne, F5RPB.
- **F/ON6JUN/p** - The South Flanders DX Activity Group will send several operators to Ranville. They will be active from "The Pegasus Bridge Museum", for several days before, on and after June 6th, as **F/ON6JUN/p**. QSL per instructions.

GJ3, JERSEY. Johannes, DF5AU, informs OPDX that he will be active on the weekend of **May 8-9th** from **Jersey Island (EU-013)** with the callsign **GJ3DVC**. Activity will be on 160-10 meters (no WARC) on CW/SSB. He will also be active in the **CQ-MIR-DX-Contest**. QSL via the bureau or direct to GJ3DVC. If worked as **MJ/DF5AU**, the QSL route is via his home callsign (bureau or direct).

HAMVENTION NEWS.....

- **DX DINNER UPDATE** (Dayton HamVention). The Southwest Ohio DX Association is pleased to announce the 19th Annual DX Dinner to be held on Friday, May 14th, 2004, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dayton OH. There will be a cash bar at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:15 PM. Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, informs OPDX that the program will be "Rodrigues Island 2004" and will be presented by Ivan, G3IZD. There are still tickets left - 32.00 USD each. Make the check payable to SWODXA and mail to Steve Bolia, 7354 Thackery Rd., Springfield OH 45502. For information on the dinner, check the following Web page at: <http://my.erinet.com/~n8bjq/> Or contact Steve Bolia, N8BJQ at (937) 788-2803 or send an E-mail to: n8bjq@erinet.com
- **HAMVENTION(r) ANNOUNCES THAT AWARDS PRESENTATION WILL BE COMBINED WITH SUNDAY PRIZE DRAWING:** The planners of the Hamvention(r)

2004 say that they have a unique new way to present this year's Hamvention awards. It is now part of a combined and expanded "Award Ceremony and Prize Drawing" on Sunday afternoon, May 16th. As in years past, at the close of business hours on Sunday, attendees will be directed to the 7000+ seats in the grandstands in the Main Arena for the drawing of the remaining hourly prizes and the big grand prizes. Before the first numbers are pulled, the crowd will get a chance to meet the three Hamvention(r) award winners, find out why they were chosen and get to be a part of this very special award presentation ceremony. As previously reported, this year's winners are Barry Sanderson, KB9VAK, who is getting the "Technical Excellence Award," George Wilson, W4OYI, who is the "Special Achievement Award" winner and David Kopacz, KY1V, named as "Radio Amateur of the Year." They will be joined by the President of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association and members of the Hamvention(r) planning committee to make this a special afternoon for the winners and everyone else on hand. Hamvention(r) is sponsored by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association. Now in its 53rd year, Hamvention(r) is slated for May 14-16 at the HARA Arena in the Dayton suburb of Trotwood, Ohio.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. Klaus, DL7NS, will be active as **HB0/DL7NS** from **June 19-25th**. His activity will be on CW using an IC-718 and linear. QSL via the bureau.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-079.** Taka, JR3TVH, informs OPDX that he and his wife Natsu, JJ3NAW, will be active from **Miyako Island** (JIIA-079-005; near BV in Okinawa pref), **April 29th through May 3rd**. He states that even with the conditions being bad, he has sent many antennas to the island to be active on 160-6 meters. Modes will be CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK. He will have a 25 watt beacon on 50.135 Mhz. Taka suggests to keep watching around his sunrise and sunset. QSL via their home calls. NO eQSL.
- **AS-113.** A team organized by BX2AE, BV2OO and BV2QB will be active as **BO0D** on **Dong Yin Island**, which is near by Matsu Island, from **May 8-14th**. QSL via the BV Bureau.
- **EU-052.** Mike, GW3UOF, will be active as **SV8/GW3UOF/P** from **Kavos, Corfu, May 3-17th**. Activity will be on CW/SSB/Digimodes. QSL via GW3UOF - address OK at QRZ.com.
- **EU-057.** Seven German operators will be activating **Ummanz Island** (O-06 for the German Islands Award) on **May 17-23rd**. They will operate on all bands CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Operators mentioned are: Frank/DL1APR, Bernd/DL1APW, Rolf/DL1NUF, Uwe/DL5AOJ, Achim/DL6AMA, Uwe/DL9NDS and Karl/DM3BJ. QSL via their home callsigns.
- **OC-160.** Bill, VK4FW, will be active from Cumberland Island about May 3rd for 3 days.

JD1, OGASAWARA. Operators Taka/JO2JDJ and Hide/JM1LJS (JD1BLK) will be active from Ogasawara (**AS-031**) as **homecall/JD1** from **May 2-5th**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW/SSB. Their equipment is an IC-756 and FT-100D plus VL-1000 amp. However, their operation is limited to 50 watts by Japan law. Antennas are: 2 element HB9CV (20-10m), 30m dipole and a 40m full size ground plane. QSL via their home callsign (or QSL JD1BLK via JM1LJS). A log search and pictures will be available after their activity. Visit the following Web page for details at: <http://radio-dream.com/jd1blk/e/>

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Members of the North Jersey DX Association (NJDXA),

Ann/W2AZK and Brian/KF2HC will be active as **W2AZK/KP2** and **KF2HC/KP2** from the island of **St Croix, June 5-12th**. Look for them on 160-6 meters SSB and CW. QSL to their home call signs direct or via the bureau. Confirmed QSOs with Ann and Brian are good towards the North Jersey DX Association's "NJDXA Award". For more details, visit the NJDXA Web page at: <http://www.njdx.org>

NEW AWARDS MANAGER. Effected immediately, The British Amateur Radio Teledata Group (BARTG) has a new Awards Manager. Phil Cooper, GU0SUP, has now taken over this post from Nigel, G4KZZ, and will handle all BARTG awards, which includes the well-known QCA (Quarter Century Award), plus the various Continental awards. For further details on the awards, please visit the Web page at: <http://www.bartg.demon.co.uk>

NEW MORSE CHARACTER BECOMES OFFICIAL MAY 3RD. Effective **May 3rd**, the new Morse Code ITU character "@" symbol (known as the "at" sign by many and use in E-mail addresses) will be an official character by sending the letters "A" and "C" together. Example: **.___. (dot dash dash dot dash dot)**

OH0, ALAND ISLAND. Operators Christian/DC7VS, Andreas/DC7ER and Tom/DL7NJ will be active as **OH0/homecall**, from **July 10-24th**. Activity will be on SSB, CW, SSTV and PSK31. This will be more of a holiday style operation. QSL via the Bureau. Visit the Web page at: <http://www.oh0.de>

PROJECT GOODWILL ALBANIA 2003 (More Signals from ZA). Jarmo, OH2BN, sent out a press release stating, "The success story of Project Goodwill Albania 2003 on boosting activity in Albania by some 40 new licensees and integrating amateur radio into the official course offering at the Technical University of Tirana marked the highlight of historic happenings on-site as well as on the air last fall. All ZA QSL cards are going out as we speak." Over the past week, both Martti/OH2BH and Pertti/OH2PM return to Tirana on Tuesday for a one week stay to launch several new ZA stations on the bands based on equipment kindly donated by the DX community. However, Jarmo states, "But more (equipment) can be used, and another trip is planned for June, combining the First Albania DX Convention and the launch of a second wave of stations on the bands." See the following Web page for more details at: <http://www.za1a.com> If you have any functional old gear not needed at your station, please consider being part of this worthy project. You can contact any of the program liaisons listed in the "How to Help" section of the ZA1A Web site. Donors will be displayed in the new club station (ZA1UT) Honor Board as part of the station inauguration in June. We hope you were able to work Martti and Pertti this past week on the bands from a variety of stations. They are committed to making this project a success. How about you?

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **3B9RF QSLs.** Dave, WW2R, informs OPDX that after returning from the 3B9C trip, he carried home around 50 QSL cards responses from 3B9FR for NA stations. Those QSLs have now been posted and mailed.
- **QSL T49C via K8SIX.** Please spread the word that SM5KCO is NOT the QSL Manager for the T49C operation in 2004. He is only the QSL Manager for T49C in 1997.
- Jim, AA0MZ, informs OPDX that Dragan, **Z32XX**, has moved to the United States and has a new address for QSLing: Dragan Davkovski, Box 2, Wetmore, KS 66550 (Please QSL direct with SASE). His U.S. address is current on the Buckmaster and QRZ.com

Web sites. Mail sent to his address in Macedonia will be forwarded.

VP5/VQ5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. David/W5AO and Kirk/K4RO will be active as VQ5V in the **CQ WPX CW Contest (May 29-30th)** as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via Box 88, Morris, OK 74445-0088. Operators W5AO and K4RO will be active from here between **May 26th and June 1st.** Activity will be on all bands 160-10 meters including the WARC bands before and after the contest as **VP5/W5AO** and **VP5/K4RO.** QSL via their home callsigns (CBA).

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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